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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document is discussed beginning on page 2, line 9 of the specification.


For the Examiner's information, U.S. Patent No. 5,982,521 corresponds to Japanese Document No. 9-230275.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

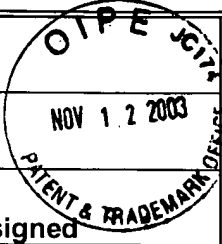
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		<b>5,982,521</b>	<b>11/1999</b>	<b>Bessho, et al.</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>198</b>	
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		<b>9-230275</b>	<b>09/1997</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
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